

# WWE Hall of Fame: Class of 2008

Now this is a headliner. Ric Flair

This is another one that does not need an explanation. Ric Flair is a yes vote.

## Peter Maivia

Based on everything I can tell, Maivia is on this list because his grandson agreed to induct him. That grandson would be named the Rock and he hadn't appeared on anything associated with WWE in years. Maivia didn't do much on the national stage but he wasn't really around in the time of a national promotion. At the end of the day though, I don't think there's enough on his resume to be in the Hall of Fame. He was a talented wrestler, but he's just not that great overall.

## Rocky Johnson

Also inducted by the Rock, Johnson at least has a stronger body of work than his dad did. Johnson was part of the Soul Patrol with Tony Atlas who were the first black world tag team champions. Allegedly Johnson was going to be the top guy in the company before Hogan showed up and took the spot instead. Other than that Johnson isn't incredibly famous for his work in the ring, but he was a pretty big deal in the early 80s. Again though, as for being in the Hall of Fame I'm thinking no. The problem at the end of the day is that Rock inducting both he and Maivia seemed to be the whole reason for them getting in, and that's not a good thing.

## **Mae Young**

Young was a big deal back in the old days of women's wrestling, but the problem is it's still women's wrestling. No matter how you look at it, women's wrestling has almost always been seen as a side show to its male counterpart. Now that being said, it certainly doesn't take away what Young has accomplished. When you consider that Young was in her late 70s when she debuted in WWE and is still a fun attraction today, it's hard to say she doesn't belong in the WWE Hall of Fame. If nothing else for the stuff she's allowed the cameras to film her doing.

## **Eddie Graham**

Graham is a name that most of you likely don't know, but to say he was influential is an understatement. Basically, think of a modern booking idea or technique. The odds are that Graham thought of it first and someone stole it from him. He was also a wrestler with a lot of success, but he's far more famous as a booker than a wrestler. Graham ran Championship Wrestling From Florida for many years, (Wrestlemania was held in Orlando this year). Graham was one of the most versatile minds in wrestling history and easily belongs in any wrestling Hall of Fame.

## **Gordon Solie**

Speaking of Florida, Solie was commentator on CWF for years. He was known as the Dean of Professional Wrestling and made Jim Ross look like a hack when it came to calling matches. Solie called matches for the better part of ever and was always entertaining to listen to. He's kind of like your local baseball commentator: he just feels right to listen to. This is another layup for any wrestling Hall of Fame.

## The Brisco Brothers

It's a shame that Jerry is only remembered as one of the Stooges because he was amazing in the ring in his day. Jerry was much more famous as a tag wrestler but he was excellent in the ring no matter what he did. he was also an amateur champion and could hang on the mat with anyone. That being said, he paled in comparison to his brother Jack. Jack Brisco isn't that well known by the modern generation but he's one of the very best wrestlers that ever lived. He was a two time world champion back in the days when that was still a huge deal. The Briscos are both yes votes, but Jack is an emphatic one.

This isn't the best class in the world. The main appeal of this class was one of the presenters rather than the wrestlers and it's one of the classes that make you scratch your head at some of the selections. Still though, it has Flair and Brisco so I can't complain much.